

# Trotsky Hints at War if France Goes Into Ruhr

## Russia Could Not Remain Passive, He Declares, in Discussing the Situation With Correspondents

### Army Is Cut to 800,000

### Policy of Paris Operates to Drive Germany Into Revolution, He Tells Them

MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (By The Associated Press).—Russia already has reduced her fighting forces to 800,000 men and always is ready to enter any disarmament conference which gives guarantees of success. She does not anticipate any immediate intervention, but considers that an attack always is possible, and it is doubtful if she could remain passive in the event that France invaded the Ruhr region and evicted Poland in a renewal of the conflict with Germany.

Leon Trotsky, Soviet Minister of War, made these assertions in an interview in which he submitted to a number of questions from fifteen foreign correspondents regarding Soviet external and internal problems. He explained that Russia is now so tranquil that Premier Lenin can take his much-needed rest and at the same time remain perfectly in touch with the problems of state.

Regarding the American Relief Administration, the Minister explained that he considered it not only a humanitarian organization, but also "an instrument" through which America could be informed of Russian conditions. He added: "I am tranquil regarding the results of their investigations."

### French Tactics Criticized

Later he expressed the opinion that France was adopting the very tactics needed to drive Germany into revolution.

"If France, by invading the Ruhr, and with the assistance of Poland, precipitated a new European conflict, do you think Russia could remain passive?" he was asked, and his reply was: "I doubt it."

If the occasion came for a revolution in Germany, then, said Trotsky, Russia and Germany "would form an unconquerable bloc, economically and agriculturally." This assertion, of course, would be misinterpreted in America, where, he added laughingly, "I am in bad repute."

Trotsky's jaw hardened when the Associated Press correspondent asked if the government had any intention of restoring the liberty of political organization to Russian parties other than the Bolsheviks.

"When capitalism is beaten," was his answer.

With reference to the recent decree of banishment for political offenders, Trotsky said the trial of the Social Revolutionists had proved that in the east Russia should be attacked from those persons who constantly are waiting for a change in the government would become agents for the enemy.

### No Property to Be Restored

The minister explained that the conference at Genoa and The Hague had shown clearly what Lenin meant when he said in regard to the so-called retreat of the Bolsheviks toward capitalism: "We are in a transitional stage which will give us the experience of the capitalist world, but we will not recognize or restore private property."

This was the first time in many months that Trotsky has received a group of correspondents. Suave, plump and impeccably groomed in his army blouse, he answered questions in fluent French, smiling most of the time except when he snapped an occasional belligerent answer.

"Our fighting forces have been reduced from 2,000,000 to 800,000, including myself," he said. "We proposed disarmament at Genoa and also to the Baltic states, from which we received treaty answers. But if any government, the American, for instance, would propose to us a disarmament conference, with any guaranty for success, we would come gladly."

### Hardings Take Week-End Cruise on Mayflower

### Party of Relatives and Government Officials Are the Guests Aboard

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—President and Mrs. Harding, accompanied by a party of friends, left on the Presidential yacht Mayflower late today for a twenty-four-hour cruise on Chesapeake Bay. It is the second time this season the President has taken the opportunity to make such a week end trip.

Accompanying the President and Mrs. Harding were the President's sister, Miss Abigail Harding; Mrs. William Boyd, of Kansas City, a cousin of Mrs. Harding; Secretaries Hoover and Fall and Attorney General Daugherty, Senators Cummings, of Iowa, and Kellogg, of Minnesota, and Brigadier General Christian, the President's personal physician, and Mrs. Sawyer, and A. L. Lasker, chairman of the Shipping Board.

### Convict Given Leave to Visit His Dying Son

Lad Cries for Father, Who Has No Funds for Trip, Though Permitted to Go

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—For the second time this year E. F. Doree, who is serving ten years in Leavenworth for violation of the espionage act, has been granted leave of absence from the Federal penitentiary to come to this city to visit his five-year-old son, Leo. Doree is believed to be dying of pneumonia, although no official announcement to this effect was made. Doree's wife said early today that in response to a plea to government authorities the second leave had been granted.

The lad still is dangerously ill and continues to call for his "daddy." The mother, in the hope that a second visit will further improve her son's condition, enlisted the aid of friends to have the government grant her husband another leave. Although the gates of Leavenworth are ready to swing open for Doree, he may not be able to take advantage of his leave. He wired his wife that \$300 would be necessary for himself and a guard to make the trip. She wired in return that she had nearly that sum in her possession, but that she would try to raise it.

# All Smiles as They Come Sailing In



Many notables of various callings were among the arrivals yesterday aboard the steamship France. Left to right, front row: Miss Marie Wells, film star; Mrs. M. McCarthy; Irene Bordoni, actress; Dr. Royal S. Copeland, City Health Commissioner; Anna Case, Metropolitan Opera star; Mrs. Copeland and Louise Rupp. Left to right, back row: Colonel Savage, theatrical producer; Dr. M. McCarthy, B. Rynbeld and Senor Wanderspoel, envoy to Ceylon.

# Paris Rejects Trade Offer Brought Back From Berlin

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form of mines in the Ruhr and state forests in the Rhine provinces. From the French point of view the mission returned without such guaranties. Germany's last proposal which the delegates brought back to-day was in effect to transfer from the state to private industry the whole responsibility for supplying wood and coal and to establish heavy penalties for the industrialists in the event of default.

When Poincare first heard this suggestion he considered it a joke.

### Calls "Scheme" Foolish

"The Allies," said the Premier, "must have a responsible government before them, and it would be foolish to provide punishments for companies of mine owners and hold their government responsible. The Treaty of Versailles was not signed by Stinnes and Krupp, but by the German Republic, and it would be a dangerous encouragement of the worst form of anarchy to discharge that government of its obligations and place them on the shoulders of private citizens."

"If the Reich admits that private industrialists could be relied on for a correct execution of the treaty, then it is an admission that the German government itself has failed in its task and is responsible for not enforcing the laws which would have permitted it to fulfill the treaty. On the other hand, if the Reich suggests that these industrialists won't pay, then it is real treachery."

The French government, therefore, concludes that the moratorium must be refused. In such an event there would be a delay of one or two weeks before a decision was reached on whether or not Germany was in default. If this default should be officially declared there will be a moratorium on the Allied front. The Reichbank has granted a moratorium. Germany's financial and political policy necessarily is leading toward a catastrophe, but France will not allow herself to be drawn down into that catastrophe. That is why lacking payments, guaranties are necessary.

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### Temp's See Mission a Failure

"The Temps" to-night echoes the opinion of the government by saying: "With empty hands, Sir John Bradbury and M. Mauciere returned to Paris to-day after their profitable mission to Berlin. It is evident that the Reparation Commission cannot grant a moratorium. Germany's financial and political policy necessarily is leading toward a catastrophe, but France will not allow herself to be drawn down into that catastrophe. That is why lacking payments, guaranties are necessary."

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### Government Grants Sanction to W. U. After British Concern Gives Up Monopoly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Miami-Barbados cable of the Western Union Telegraph Company was opened for business to-day after its use as a direct line of communication between North and South America had been blocked for more than eight months by a controversy between the company and the United States government.

### Berlin Fighting Hard to Avert Impending Ruin

### Wirth Cabinet to Meet With Representatives of All German States to Reduce Prices

Special Cable to The Tribune

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BERLIN, Aug. 26.—Feverish efforts to check the advance of social and economic ruin in consequence of the rapid devaluation of the mark and the bewildering rise in prices were continued by the government to-day.

On Monday the Wirth Cabinet will meet with representatives of all German states to discuss measures to be taken against the leaping costs of living and for a check on the decline of the mark. The mark to-day showed some improvement, going from 2,350 in the morning session of the Bourse to 1,750 at the closing hour. A new and severe break is expected, however, with the opening of trading on Monday.

In the midst of a series of Cabinet

# Copeland Home; Warns Typhus May Reach U. S.

## Health Commissioner to Ask Aid for Millions of Sufferers; Deaths Are Put at Almost 40,000,000

### Paul Poirer an Arrival Wears Suit a Day Aboard the France and Says Boots Will Be Vogue This Fall

A warning to the people of America against a probable invasion of typhus from Poland and Russia was brought home yesterday by Health Commissioner Royal S. Copeland, who returned on the French liner France, which made the run from Havre in five days and nineteen hours, the fastest trip she has made since 1914.

He said he would report to Washington at once on the peril of the disease that threatens this country, and would ask the people of the United States to contribute sufficient funds to block it at its source before it is too late.

The commissioner, who has been for several months through the stricken areas of Poland, said that 825,000 would be sufficient to stem the tide.

### Humane to Give Help

"Apart from the selfish motive of self-protection, we should open our purse strings," he said, "and help the Poles for humane reasons."

### Flees Jail at Ball Game, But Is Out Stealing Home

### Prisoner Goes From Coast to Coast on Two-Base Hit, Then Warden Gets Him

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 26.—Harry Milton, the only convict who ever escaped from prison on a two-base hit, has been taken back in his cell after a year of freedom.

Milton admitted that he had run from coast to coast on the hit. He escaped during the excitement of a close baseball game at the Moundsville penitentiary. The bases were full when the batter whacked out a two-bagger. As the crowd of convicts danced in excitement Milton leisurely left his post at the ticket gate, carrying all the receipts and strolled out through these centers that the typhus will make its raid upon the United States. If typhus ever gets a hold upon New York City it will kill a million persons in a month. Russia is swept by typhus and cholera. For a year or so I have been saying that 5,000,000 persons have died in Russia of typhus. Professor L. Tarasvitch estimates the number as 30,000,000, but Dr. Rajesman, executive head of the health committee of the League of Nations, informed me in Vienna that the number may have been as much as 45,000,000.

### 'Round-World Flyers, Adrift 3 Days, Give Up

### British Aviators Decide Near India to Go Back After Ill Luck

CALCUTTA, Aug. 26.—The round-the-world flight attempt begun from Croydon, England, May 24, by Major W. J. Blake, has been abandoned.

Major Blake, together with Captain Norman MacMillan and Lieutenant Mallina, who continued the flight when Major Blake was obliged to remain in Calcutta because of illness, will return to London soon.

Unfavorable weather and damage to steering gear and propeller caused the early stages of the flight to be long-delayed.

When taken up by the two aides the flight was further delayed as they, too, encountered difficulties. They had a narrow escape early in the week, when flying from Lakhidia Char they were forced to alight on the sea. They were rescued Thursday after they had been adrift in their plane for three days, suffering greatly from exposure. It was this experience, undoubtedly, that led to the decision to abandon the flight.

### House Declares War on "Bugs" Around Capitol

### Representatives Debate on Whether They Are Found Only in Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—War on "bugs" around the Capitol was declared to-day by the House of Representatives.

By a joint resolution, passed after a "reluctant" debate, the House authorized the Capitol architect to proceed to the extermination of "insects" wherever found.

Representative Garner, Democrat, Texas, misreading the signals as they way to make it only to the Senate office building, made a parliamentary inquiry as to whether "the Senate is the only place where there are bugs."

"Oh, no," replied Representative Ireland, Republican, Illinois, in charge of the measure, "there are a few in the House."

The resolution was sent over to the Senate in time for its arrival to interrupt a speech by Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, against what he called "theoretical" provisions of the coal investigation bill.

"Now that is something practical," remarked the Missouri Senator when the House messenger announced the action of the House.

### New Long Island Bus Line

The Manhattan Transit Company, operating buses in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn, started a new bus line last night from the eastern district of Brooklyn to Long Island City over the same route as the buses which were operated under Commissioner of Plant and Structures Grover A. Whalen, who was restrained from operating the buses by a court order.

The route is from East Broadway and Marcy Avenue to Havermev Street, to South Fourth Street, to Roebling and Union Avenue, thence to Driggs Avenue and to Manhattan Avenue, thence through and over the Newtown Creek Bridge to Long Island City and the subway station of Jackson Avenue and Fourth Street, Long Island City. The fare is five cents. Eleven buses were operated last night and sixteen will be operated on Monday. The trip is made in from fifteen to seventeen minutes.

# Fifty Wounded, Three Killed in Havre Strike

## Two Civilians Among Dead in Pitched Battle Between Soldiers and Rioters; Thousand Are Captured

### Americans Are Marooned Crowded in Hotels While Awaiting Sailing of Liner Savoie; Port Is Tied Up

HAVRE, France, Aug. 26 (By The Associated Press).—Several hundred Americans are crowded in the hotels here awaiting the sailing of the French liner Savoie, the departure of which, tentatively fixed for to-morrow, is uncertain owing to the complete tie-up of the port through the general strike which has gripped practically all the industries here for many days.

Hotel prices are rising constantly and, with the complete cessation of trolley cars, taxi drivers are charging the Americans exorbitant rates for transportation and are making small fortunes.

The Franklin Club, in which a thousand rioting strikers had taken refuge, was captured by the troops late to-night.

The total casualties for the day number three killed and about fifty wounded. Two of the dead are civilians.

The strike has prevented the unloading of the American freighters Effna and Hastings. The Effna is loaded with cotton from Galveston and the Hastings with cotton and coffee from Mobile. The American freighters Olen and Dryden managed to depart for other ports.

Eighteen thousand men have struck in sympathy with the 19,000 metal workers, who refused to return to work for the last two months, unwilling to accept a 10 per cent reduction in wages. Only 600 troops are used in the patrolling of the wharves and streets, but large reinforcements are ready just outside the city in case of any emergency. All the loose paving and building stones have been removed and carried away by the troops so as to avoid the use of this material as missiles by the strikers.

### Fight With Troops

Stone throwing was resorted to by the troops and their sympathizers against the Central railroad station this evening. Military reinforcements were sent for. Some of the younger soldiers objected to obeying orders when com-

### Firemen Take Man Alive From Under 'L' Train; Dies Later

A man believed to be John Kane, an employee at the Children's Hospital, Randall's Island, because of a pass from that institution found in his pocket, fell in front of a southbound Third Avenue elevated train last night at the Forty-seventh Street station and suffered injuries from which he died in Bellevue Hospital.

When it was found the man was wedged beneath the forward truck of the first car a call was sent for the Fire Department rescue squad. Rescuers from the East Fifty-third Street police station kept the crowd back while the firemen and an interborough wrecking crew jacked up the car and extricated the man.

The power was shut off for about half an hour.

manded to charge the workmen. Several of them were reported placed under arrest.

### Coroner to Investigate Poisoned Woman's Death

### Victim Told Nassau Hospital Nurse "Man" Gave Her Bichloride Tablets

Arnold P. Kohler, Coroner of Nassau County, announced yesterday afternoon that he would conduct a rigid investigation into the death of Mrs. Robert C. Wainwright, of Springfield, Ill., who died of bichloride of mercury poisoning in Nassau Hospital in the morning. The case has already been called to the attention of the police and the District Attorney by John C. Wait, a lawyer with offices at 233 Broadway, a friend of the family.

The attorney declared yesterday that Mrs. Wainwright came to him on August 19 to tell him that she was not well and that the suggestion of poisoning had come up.

After she had been taken to the hospital Wednesday, according to the county detective working on the case, she at one time told her nurse that she had taken some pills given her by her husband, a civil engineer, who has been in South America since last April, but later spoke of the tablets as having been given her by "a man," whom she refused to name.

Pending an inquisition into the case set for to-morrow, Dr. G. A. Fenstoy, who attended the woman, has refused to issue a death certificate.

Since her husband's departure for South America Mrs. Wainwright had been living with her mother at Floral Park.

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